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SUBJECT: FRG NEGOTIATING PACKAGE FOR INNER GERMAN TALKS

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1. THE MISSION HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED COPY OF INTERNAL
SPD DOCUMENT WHICH DESCRIBES IN CONSIDEREABLE SCOPE THE
RANGE OF ISSUES SCHEDULED FOR THE UPCOMING INNER-GERMAN
TALKS. IT ALSO INCLUDES ITEMS WHICH THE GDR WILL RAISE.
DATED APRIL 20, IT IS ESSENTIALLY AN SPD TALKING PAPER
FOR JOINT SETTLEMENT OF GUIDELINES TOGETHER WITH
THE FDP. IN SOME RESPECTS THE PAPER IS LESS DETAILED
THAN WISCHNEWSKI'S PRESENTATION TO THE AMBASSADORS
(REFTEL), E.G., IT CONTAINS ALMOST NO DETAILED STATISTICS
OF PROPOSED PAYMENTS.

2. ITS VALUE IS THAT IT PRECISELY TAGS ALL THE ISSUES

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AS TO RESPECTIVE FRG OR GDR INTEREST, AND ASSIGNS STEP
CATEGORIES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OR WITHHOLDING OF DIS-
CUSSION OF EACH QUESTION. THESE WILL NOT BE REPEATED
HERE, AS THEY CONFRIM WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN LEARNED ABOUT
THE MAIN SUBJECTS, BUT WE ARE POUCHING PAPER TO DEPART-
MENT, BONN AND EMBASSY BERLIN. WE SUGGEST THAT REFERENCES
TO IT BE GUARDED. IT CLARIFIES SEVERAL POINTS, AS

FOLLOWS:

3. THE FRG DOES NOT PLAN TO RAISE THE S-BAHN PROBLME. IT IS LISTED TOGETHER WITH RECOGNITION OF GDR NATIONALITY, DISSOLUTION OF THE SALZGITTER OFFICE, THE BORDER PROBLEM, AND MEASURES AGAINST EXFILTRATION HELPERS AS " POINTS ON WHICH NO POSSIBILITY OF MOVEMENT EXISTS". THE FRG DOES, HOWEVER, WISH TO OBTAIN AN ALLIED POSITION ON THE ISSUE OF SUBSIDIES TO THE S-BAHN.

4. THE SPD HOPES FOR THE FRG TO PROVIDE AN "UMBRELLA" FOR SENAT/GDR TALKS ON BERLIN WATER POLLUTION PROBLEMS, BUT THE DOCUMENT NOTES THAT (A) THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS OPPOSED TO THIS AND (B) IT WILL NEED ALLIED APPROVAL.

5. CONCERNING ATTITUDES TOWARDS GDR CONSULAR CONVENTIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, THE PAPER REAFFIRMS THAT THE FRG WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST TO OTHER STATES THAT "GERMANS FROM THE GDR" MUST HAVE A CHOICE AS TO WHETHER THE GDR OR THE FRG WILL REPRESENT THEM. STILL UNDER STUDY IS A PROPOSAL TO SOFTEN THE IMPACT OF THIS CAMPAIGN " BY SIGNALLING TO THE GDR THAT WE WILL INDICATE IN A SOMEWHAT CLEARER MANNER TO THIRD STATES THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO CAST DOUBT ON THE FACT THAT THE GDR HAS ITS OWN NATIONALITY (STAATSBUERGERSCHAFT)." THE LATTER SIGNAL, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE GIVEN UNLESS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVES IT. THIS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE A DIFFICULT DECISION, GIVEN ITS IMPINGEMENT ON THE BROADER NATIONALITY QUESTION.

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